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Applicant: Takahiro Tokunaga, et al.
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Examiner: John K. Ford
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AIR FLOW INTO PLURAL ZONES
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date 20060911, please consider the following.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to

one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. The species principally illustrated in Figures 1-8 (specification, page 12, line 21 – page 38, line 17);
- II. The species principally illustrated in Figures 9-12 (specification page 38, line 18 – page 42, line 16);
- III. The species principally illustrated in Figure 13 (page 42, lines 17-36); and,
- IV. An in-determinant number of un-illustrated species (variants of the above) described on page 43, line 1 – page 45, line 5.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally illustrated in Figures 1-8. Applicants believe that Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1 and 7 are generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

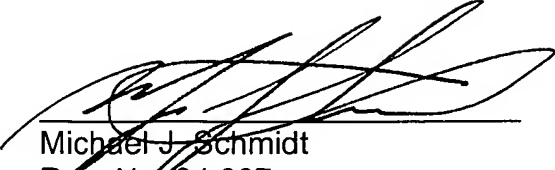
CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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